Empire State Postal History Society

GENERAL RULES AND REGULATIONS OF THE AWARDS COMMITTEE

1. Any open competitive exhibition (unrestricted as to participation by any cover collector or other philatelist) is eligible for Empire State Postal History Society (ESPHS) awards and certificates, subject to the following:

   (a) The Awards Committee of the ESPHS shall be notified by the sponsoring club or society of its desire to participate in our program, which notification shall be made in writing and sent to the ESPHS Secretary-Treasurer. Such request shall signify agreement with these rules and regulations.

   (b) ESPHS awards [**and certificates**] shall be made available in accordance with the annexed "Criteria for Show Awards."

   (c) Exhibits competing for ESPHS awards **[/certificates]** must consist of material which is principally New York State postal history and be clearly identified as a New York State related exhibit in its title and on the official program. The presence of non-New York State material shall not disqualify the exhibit provided the exhibit's content is principally New York State related.

   (d) The ESPHS may request that a qualified member of its society take part in the judging for the ESPHS awards [**and certificates**], but not in any other judging capacity unless he or she is a member of the show jury.

   (e) No use of the ESPHS name may be made in the sponsoring club's publicity nor can any announcement of our awards be made until notification has been made as in (a) above. This should be done in a timely manner. The ESPHS Awards Committee must be made aware as soon as possible as to the entries on hand which may qualify for our awards in order that the awards **[and certificates]** be available at the show. Failure to notify in a timely manner can result in late arrival of awards.

2. The award for the "BEST NEW YORK STATE POSTAL HISTORY" exhibit, cannot be awarded to an exhibit which won this award at a show of the same class during the previous exhibition year (September - August) or during the current exhibition year (September - August). This is done to encourage exhibitors who may have come close and will try again knowing the previous winning exhibit will not be eligible. These restrictions apply to the exhibit and not the exhibitor.

3. The Awards Committee of the ESPHS will make every effort to anticipate shows which might contain competitive entries qualifying for our awards by scanning the philatelic press, however it is primarily the responsibility of the local sponsors to notify us of their desire to participate in the program. Local committees are encouraged to write: **Empire State Postal History Society, ATTN: Awards Committee, 373 Root Road, Ballston Spa, NY 12020-3227**.

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CRITERIA FOR SHOW AWARDS

CLASSIFICATION OF SHOWS:

CLASS A: A class A show shall be any open competitive exhibition whose Grand Award Winner is eligible for the American Philatelic Society Champion of Champions competition. There must be at least two (2) separate exhibits of, or principally of, New York State postal history entered in competition.

All such entries shall be eligible for awards and/or certificates of the Empire State Postal History Society (ESPHS) regardless of the exhibitor's club/society affiliation, or lack thereof.

In this class there shall be made available a Waterford Crystal***, or similar appropriate,*** President's Award for the exhibit deemed by the judging panel to be the "BEST NEW YORK STATE POSTAL HISTORY" entry. To win this award the exhibit must earn at least a show vermeil medal. [**ESPHS Certificates of Participation will be made available for each New York State Postal History exhibit**.]

CLASS B: A class B show shall be any open competitive exhibition not qualified as a Class A show. There must be at least two (2) separate exhibits of, or principally of, New York State postal history entered in competition.

Eligibility of entries shall be the same as for Class A shows except as noted in paragraph 2 of the appended General Rules and Regulations of the Awards Committee

In this class there shall be made available an ESPHS award for the exhibit deemed by the judging panel to be the "BEST NEW YORK STATE POSTAL HISTORY" entry. To win this award the exhibit must earn at least a show silver medal. [**ESPHS Certificates of Participation will be made available for each New York State Postal History exhibit**.]

The above listing of awards **[and certificates]** by no means limits the ESPHS Awards Committee if, in its judgement, a particular show's scope and strength of entries merits an expansion of the award listing.

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